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In Re Application of: Andreas Schondelmaier et al

Title: DRIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The references have been cited in the German Examination procedure. The claims of the present application are in accordance with the German claims which have been amended to distinguish the arrangement according to the invention over the prior art cited in the German procedure. The references do not disclose that, in a drive arrangement for a motor vehicle, comprising an internal combustion engine and a power electronic unit for controlling an electric machine, the power electronic unit is arranged on a carrier

and the carrier comprises a cooler which includes coolant passages and is mounted on the engine such that the coolant passages are in direct communication with coolant passages of a cooling circuit of the internal combustion engine.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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